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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mr. Dale Snyder  
Absolute Mining and Minerals Inc.  
145 South 1350 East  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Re: Guidance for Immediate Reclamation of Site, Absolute Mining and Minerals LLC  
(AMMI), Dolores River Placer Operations, S/019/035 (UTU-72488), Grand County,  
Utah

Dear Mr. Snyder:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 21, 2000, stating you have chosen Option A, Immediate Reclamation, of the two options offered to resolve the permitting issues at this site. Under this option, AMMI is to reclaim the site disturbance down to a five acre area and provide the required information to satisfy both the BLM and Division's requirements for an amendment to your existing mining notice. The provisions of Option A are attached on a separate page with the tasks requiring AMMI's immediate attention shown in **bold** print.

At this time, the Division requests that AMMI provide information describing the five acre area and future operations to take place within this area as an amendment to the existing mining notice. Please provide this information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. This information will need to satisfy the Division's requirements for an amendment to a small mine notice, and the BLM's requirements for an amendment to their Plan Of Operations. Please utilize the copies of the site map previously prepared and sent to you by the Division to identify the proposed limits of the amended mining plan. After receiving this amendment information, the Division and BLM will jointly prepare a description of the reclamation tasks to be performed by AMMI to reclaim the site disturbance down to five acres.

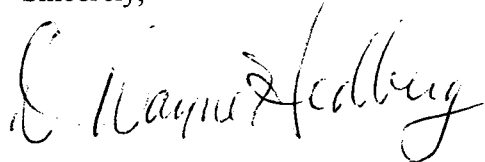
The Division does not have a specific small mine amendment form; however, submission of the information required in our small mine operation notice of intention form is acceptable. A

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blank copy of our MR-SMO form is enclosed to assist you in providing adequate information. We realize that your amendment response may require additional revision; however, we hope to have all the paperwork completed in time to allow reclamation at the site to take place this coming fall 2000.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tony Gallegos or Doug Jensen at the Division, for guidance in preparing the amendment information within the 30-day time frame. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Minerals Reclamation Program

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Enclosure: Form MR-SMO  
attachment: Option A - AMMI  
cc: Sal Venticinque, BLM Moab FO  
Mary Ann Wright - w/o attachments  
Lowell Braxton -w/o attachments  
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**Absolute Mining and Minerals LLC**  
**Dolores River Placer Operations**  
**S/019/035 (UTU-72488)**  
**July 11, 2000**

**OPTION A**

- A. IMMEDIATE RECLAMATION** - Agree to immediately begin reclamation of portions of the site to reduce the affected area to five acres or less. Immediate reclamation would include regrading portions of the site and removing any equipment or debris from those areas as approved and directed in writing by the BLM and Division. The immediate reclamation to be performed should envision seeding of the site this coming fall, 2000. If this option is selected, the Division and BLM would coordinate in preparing a written description of the immediate reclamation tasks and tentative schedule which would then be provided to AMMI.
- A.1.** As part of this option, AMMI will also need to provide an amendment to its current Small Mine Notice filed with the Division and the Plan Of Operations filed with the BLM. This amendment will need to be submitted within 30 days of notifying the Division of AMMI's decision to choose the Immediate Reclamation option. This amendment should describe the current and proposed mining activities, surface disturbances, and the proposed site reclamation. Also, describe the equipment to be involved in these activities and estimate the volume of materials to be mined or moved as part of the reclamation. Include a proposed schedule of mining and reclamation activities which will take place over the next three to five years. Describe all portions of the mine site which will be affected as part of these mining and reclamation activities.
- A.2.** As part of this option, AMMI will also need to delineate in the field with clear markers, all portions of the mine site which have been described under item 1 as being affected as part of the mining and reclamation activities. **Please use the enclosed three copies of the site map as prepared by the Division to show these boundaries. Keep one copy and return the other two maps with disturbed or proposed disturbed area boundaries delineated to both the BLM and the Division as part of your amendment.**